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SUBJ: CIEC: BIO INFORMATION ON GOV DELEGATIONS TO COMMISSIONS

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1. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOLLOWS ON GOV OFFICIALS SERVING AS DELEGATES OR AUDITORS TO CIEC COMMISSIONS.

2. ENERGY.

HERNAN ANZOLA JIMENEZ - A YOUNG ENGINEER, ANZOLA CAME TO THE MINISTER OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS WITH MINISTER VALENTIN HERNANDEZ AS HIS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PEREZ ADMINISTRATION IN MARCH 1974. PRIOR TO THAT, HE WORKED FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN THE OPEC SECRETARIAT IN VIENNA, WHERE HE MET HERNANDEZ WHEN THE MINISTER WAS VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA. AFTER A YEAR IN THE MINISTRY, ANZOLA BECAME ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL (VICE MINISTER) WHEN THE POLITICAL APPOINTEE TO THAT JOB WAS DISMISSED. AFTER PERFORMING WELL FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, HE WAS CONFIRMED AS VICE MINISTER. ANZOLA SELDOM TRAVELS, BUT DID REPRESENT THE MINISTRY AT THE BOSTON SYMPOSIUM ONE YEAR AGO.

ANZOLA, IN ADDITION TO BEING THE MINISTER'S ALTER EGO IN THE OPERATION OF THE MINISTRY, HAS BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN OIL NATIONALIZATION NEGOTIATIONS. HE HAS PROVED TO BE A PATIENT AND

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UNTIRING NEGOTIATOR. ANZOLA IS MARRIED AND HAS ONE CHILD.

LUIS ENRIQUE BERRIZBEITIA - INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ADVISER TO MINES MINISTER HERNANDEZ. BERRIZBEITIA IS US UNIVERSITY-EDUCATED, FLUENT IN ENGLISH, ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD, AND A BACHELOR. HE IS FRIENDLY, BUT NOT PRONE TO OPEN DISCUSSION OF MINISTRY BUSINESS. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS OPEC MEETINGS FOR THE GOV AND HAS ACTED AS A LIAISON OFFICER WITH THE MIDDLE EAST. BERRIZBEITIA WAS ADVANCE MAN FOR PRESIDENT PEREZ'S MARCH 1975 TRIP TO THE ALGIERS OPEC SUMMIT AND PRECEDED SEVERAL GOV MINISTERIAL MISSIONS TO THE ARAB WORLD. HE WAS ALSO CONTROL OFFICER FOR KUWAITI FINANCE MINISTER ATIQI'S VISIT TO VENEZUELA LAST YEAR.

RENE ARREAZA - AN ASSISTANT TO DR. BERRIZBEITIA, ARREAZA IS 27 YEARS OLD. IN 1970 HE PARTICIPATED IN A 30-DAY STUDENT VISITORS PROGRAM TO THE UNITED STATES, HAVING BEEN CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE FROM THE CENTRAL UNIVERSITY IN CARACAS. DURING THAT VISIT HE TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK, AMONG OTHER CITIES, AND APPARENTLY RETAINS A PLEASANT MEMORY OF THE TRIP. ARREAZA IS FLUENT IN ENGLISH.

3. RAW MATERIALS.

FRANCOIS MOANACK VAHLIS - A 46-YEAR-OLD CAREER DIPLOMAT, MOANACK HAS USUALLY WORKED ON ECONOMIC MATTERS SINCE ENTERING THE VENEZUELAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1957. HE HAS SERVED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AS WELL AS AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA AND TURKEY AND VENEZUELAN PERMREP TO THE EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE UN. MOANACK IS PRESENTLY A SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE PRESIDENT AND, AS AMBASSADOR TO THE ANDEAN PACT, IS COMPLETING A ONE-YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE ANDEAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. MOANACK IS OF LEBANESE DESCENT. HIS BROTHER IS AN EX-DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNING AD PARTY. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT FRENCH AND GOOD ENGLISH.

ALFREDO ENRIQUE VARGAS - A CAREER DIPLOMAT, VARGAS HAS SERVED IN NEW YORK, PORT OF SPAIN, GENEVA, AND MOST RECENTLY WASHINGTON WHERE HE WAS ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AT THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY. IN THE FOREIGN MINISTER HE HAS BEEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS AND AN ECONOMIST IN THE FOREIGN TRADE BUREAU. WHILE HOLDING THE LATTER POSITION, VARGAS WAS A VENEZUELAN DELEGATE TO INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS (UNCTAD, UN SUGAR CONFERENCE, INTERNATIONAL COFFEE COUNCIL, UN BOARD OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT). HE IS PRESENTLY AN ADVISER TO THE FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE PRESIDENT.

EDUARDO SOTO - ABOUT 33 YEARS OLD, IS COORDINATOR, OFFICE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. SOTO IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE ANDES (MERIDA) AND CENTRAL UNIVERSITY (CARACAS) IN ECONOMICS AND DIPLOMACY. HE HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS CAREER WORKING WITH DR. MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO, BOTH IN CARACAS AND NEW YORK. HE SPECIALIZES IN UN AFFAIRS. SOTO SPEAKS ENGLISH BUT PREFERS SPANISH.

4. DEVELOPMENT.

JULIO CESAR GIL GARCIA - A 38 YEAR OLD ECONOMIST, GIL IS A SENIOR ADVISER TO THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE CENTRAL UNIVERSITY IN 1960, GIL DID GRADUATE

STUDY AT CENTRAL IN MARKET ANALYSIS AND LATER STUDIED AT PENN STATE. INTELLIGENT AND HARD-WORKING, HE HAS WORKED IN THE AGRICULTURE MINISTRY, THE CENTRAL PLANNING OFFICE, THE UN DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, AND AS A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE MINES MINISTER. GIL SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND HAS MAINTAINED FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS.

FREDDY CHRISTIANS PINTO - CHRISTIANS WAS ATTACHED TO VENEZUELA'S UN DELEGATION IN NEW YORK IN THE LATE 1960'S. HE WAS A VENEZUELAN DELEGATE AT THE 1969 ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA (CEPAL) MEETING IN LIMA. CHRISTIANS IS PRESENTLY AT THE VENEZUELAN MISSION TO THE EEC IN BRUSSELS.

5. FINANCE.

MAXIM ROSS - RESEARCH DIRECTOR AT THE FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

FRANCISCO GARCIA PALACIOS - WILL NOT ATTEND FIRST COMMISSION MEETING.

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